

Most recently, IUP began construction of a 150,000 square-foot convention and athletic complex. The complex, built on the site of a former salvage company, will provide IUP and the community with space to accommodate large events that will bring in both patrons and revenue.

Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the achievements of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and to thank them for their exceptional commitment to our students and to our community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JOHNNY IACOBUCCI FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Johnny Iacobucci showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Johnny Iacobucci was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Johnny Iacobucci always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Johnny Iacobucci on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

COPPER QUEEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Copper Queen Community Hospital, which has been providing exceptional healthcare in Bisbee and Southeastern Arizona for 125 years.

Copper Queen Community Hospital began serving residents in this historic mining community of Bisbee in the 1880s. Like the community it serves, the hospital has come a long way since those rough and tumble days, when its medical care was offered in a mining cave.

The first hospital building was built by the mining companies in 1900—a dozen years before Arizona even became a state. Twenty-six years later, a new hospital was constructed to provide services to the miners and other patients. At that time, Bisbee was a thriving and bustling community, a town that grew prosperous because of copper, gold, silver and other minerals.

Today's current hospital building opened in 1961, thanks to the Phelps Dodge Corporation. It was operated by the mining company until 1976, when the hospital and all equipment were donated to the Cochise County Hospital Association. At that time, the Bisbee

Hospital Association was established to oversee hospitals operations and to ensure that Southeastern Arizona had access to necessary medical services and high-quality patient care. This new association was open to community members and leaders, beginning a tradition of community involvement that continues to this day.

The Copper Queen Community Hospital of 2009 is a 14-bed critical-access, non-profit facility that provides a full range of medical services to residents of Bisbee and Cochise County. In recent years, clinics in outlying areas have extended healthcare to rural communities.

The hospital's strong commitment to rural healthcare makes it a worthy recipient of federal assistance. Needed funding allows for the ever expansion of the emergency room, improvement in patient services and help for those in need in Cochise County.

For more than a century, Copper Queen Community Hospital has held true to its mission of providing access to primary healthcare in southeastern Cochise. The hospital is one of only four in Arizona to be on the list of the 100 Top Regional Hospitals in the United States. It plays a critical role in the delivery of medical services to the people of Congressional District 8.

I am proud to join with a grateful community to commend Copper Queen Community Hospital for its long tradition of quality healthcare and I wish it continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on September 29, 2009, The New York Times reported that "Europe's Socialists Suffering Even in Downturn." This comes on the heels of the September 27th elections in Germany where the socialist parties fared poorly receiving only 23 percent of the vote—their worst result since World War II.

I want to congratulate Chancellor Angela Merkel on her re-election to the position of chancellor and commend her on her capable and strong leadership for the German people and in the world community. She now leads a coalition made up of the Christian Democrats and Free Democrats who received 33.8 percent and 15 percent of the vote respectively.

Following her original election, Merkel was the first person from the former East Germany to assume the post of chancellor of the unified Germany. This is a tremendous achievement since she grew up under the communism of East Germany.

With a center-right majority, Chancellor Merkel will continue to lead with conservative principles towards greater prosperity. Germany will continue to be a vital member of NATO promoting peace through strength.

I am grateful for my German heritage which German Ambassador Klaus Scharioth substantiated for me this year. My ancestor Daniel Weisiger was born in Frankfurt in 1709 and immigrated in 1731, from Rotterdam, the Netherlands, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He settled in Chesterfield County, Virginia. I am

proud to continue my German heritage with my first name being Addison, even though my nickname is Joe. My second son and first grandson now continue the name Addison.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JIM MONIGOLD FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jim Monigold showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Jim Monigold was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Jim Monigold always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Jim Monigold on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

AIDING AMERICAN SAMOA IN QUAKE AND TSUNAMI RECOVERY EFFORTS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I once again today rise to extend my thought and prayers to the victims of the 8.0 magnitude earthquake and the subsequent tsunami that devastated our brothers and sisters in the U.S. territory in the South Pacific, American Samoa and Western Samoa.

Any my heart and that of all Virgin Islanders go out with sympathy to those that have lost loved ones as a result of yesterday's tragedy.

As the Congresswoman from the U.S. Virgin Islands, a community of islands that are also vulnerable to tropical disasters, and former chair of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, I am well aware of the toll that it can take on people, on infrastructure, on our time and resources but most especially—individuals and families. And the emotional repercussions go on long after the physical recovery is done.

Having visited American Samoa on several occasions and Western Samoa once, I know of the many struggles especially faced by the people of American Samoa, but I also know of their close family and community ties, their strength of spirit and most importantly, their faith.

The people of my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands and I stand in solidarity with the people of American Samoa at this time of their great distress.

I extend my support of our colleagues and friend—the Dean of the territorial delegation—Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA as we make the necessary arrangements to mobile and deploy the urgently needed emergency assistance that our President has directed, and assure them that the American people and the